

WELCOME

to the 2023 – 2024 School Year!



Forward from the Education Coordinator

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2023 - 2024 (1444 - 1445) academic year of the ISK's Evening & Weekend School! Our primary goal is to provide students education in the Qur'an and Islamic Studies (*ta'leem* or religious instruction). Additionally, we strive to support you on the other two important aspects of raising children: *tarbiyyah* (religious development) and *tahdheeb* (religious discipline, proper manners).

Abu Hurairah (RAA) reported that the Messenger of Allah عليه وسلي said:

"Seven are (the persons) whom Allah would give protection with His Shade on the Day when there would be no shade but His: ...a youth who grew up with the worship of Allah; a person whose heart is attached to the mosque..." [Sahih al-Bukhari]

As Muslims in a predominantly non-Muslim environment, we must actively learn & practise our *Deen*. We must make an effort to instill the principles that Allah (SWT) gave us, through Prophet Muhammad علي , to the younger generation. By enrolling your child in Islamic School, you will instill a love for & strong attachment to the *masjid*. As well, this will create a strong bond with other Muslims. Insha Allah, this will lead your child to grow up with the worship of Allah (SWT) & loving their Brothers/Sisters for His sake, earning His Shade. Attending Islamic School will forge a strong Muslim identity that will help your child make wise decisions when they face new challenges, strengthening their connection to Allah (SWT), *Insha Allah*.

Please **read this complete Welcome Package** <u>with your child</u>. Please contact me (education@kingstonmuslims.ca), Sr. Eram Butt (Education Facilitator, isk.school.edu@gmail.com), or Imam Abubakar Mulla (<u>imam@kingstonmuslims.ca</u>), if you have any questions, *Insha Allah*. On behalf of the ISK Education Committee, administration, and teachers: **welcome to the 2023 - 2024 school year!** May Allah (SWT) make this a beneficial year for students, parents, and teachers alike, Ameen.

Your Sister in Islam,

Mie Abosamra ISK Education Coordinator



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Overview

Islamic Studies

Islamic Studies classes are on **Saturdays** for students from **Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12** in a group setting of up to 20 students per teacher. The classes are taught using the "Weekend Learning Islamic Studies series" (please see <u>www.weekendlearning.com</u> for more details). This series contains Islamic concepts based on the Qur'an and authentic Hadith that are tailored for each age & grade level with continuity, expanding on concepts from previous years. Thus, students will be placed at their appropriate level and not based on the convenience of class time.

Qur'an

There are 3 sets of Qur'an classes running:

| Monday - Thursday | 5:30 - 7:30 PM | complete beginners to | | | |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------------------|--|--|--|
| Tuesday & Thursday | 5:30 - 7:30 PM | youth proficient in tajwee | | | |
| Tuesday & Thursday | 5:30 - 7 PM | Adult sisters' | | | |

New students are placed at an appropriate level **based on their proficiency**, which will be determined by placement tests held September 11th - 14th, during the first week of classes. Returning students will remain at their level unless otherwise specified. The Quran levels are listed below, each having proficiencies that must be demonstrated before students advance to the next level:

| Al-Qalam | learning the form and joining of letters |
|-----------|--|
| Al-Kitaab | basic tajweed and learning duas |
| An-Noor | recitation of Juz 30 with tajweed |
| Al-Furqan | recitation of rest of Qur'an with tajweed, memorization of selected surahs |
| Hifz | selected students recite & memorize Qur'an with the Imam |
| Sisters' | learn to read Quran with proper tajweed and ahkam |

Class timings

| Class | Level | Day | Time | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--|--|
| | JK, SK, 1, 2, 3 | | 2:00 - 3:30 PM | | |
| Islamic Studies | 4, 5, 6 | Saturday | 3:30 - 5:00 PM | | |
| | 7, 8, 9, 10, 11/12 | | 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM | | |
| | All levels | Monday - Thursday | 5:30 - 7:30 PM | | |
| Qur'an | Air levels | Tuesday & Thursday | 5:30 - 7:30 PM | | |
| | Sisters' | Tuesday & Thursday | 5:30 - 7:00 PM | | |



| | SEPTEMBER 2023 | | | | | | | OCTOBER 2023 | | | | | |
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| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |

School Calendar

| | NOVEMBER 2023 | | | | | | | DECEMBER 2023 | | | | | |
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| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| | | | | | 31 | | | | | | | | |

| | JANUARY 2024 | | | | | | | FEBRUARY 2024 | | | | | | |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | | | |

| | MARCH 2024 | | | | | | | APRIL 2024 | | | | | |
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| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | | |

| | MAY 2024 | | | | | | | | JU | NE 20 | 24 | | |
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| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
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Qur'an Islamic Studies Islamic Holiday Bake Sale NO CLASS

The schedule is based on the <u>Limestone District School Board School Year Calendar</u>. There will be **NO CLASSES** on:

- 1. Islamic holidays
- 2. Statutory holidays
- 3. March break (NOTE: will have class on Saturday, March 9th)

<u>Please note</u>, however, that there **may be classes on PA days**.

Printable calendar available via: 2023-2024 ISK School Calendar.pdf

2023 - 2024 Important Dates

| Friday, September 1st | Registration Closes. Tuition due. |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Saturday, September 9th | Islamic Studies Classes Begin |
| Tuesday, September 11th & 12th | Qur'an Classes Begin. Placement tests |
| Saturday, October 7th | NO CLASSES (Thanksgiving) |
| Tuesday, October 31st | Movie night |
| December 9th, 11th - 14th | Semester 1 Assessments |
| Saturday, December 16th | Semester 2 Begins |
| December 25th - January 6th | NO CLASSES (Winter Break) |
| Saturday, February 17th | NO CLASSES (Family Day) |
| March 4th - 7th, 9th | Semester 2 Assessments |
| March 11th - 16th | March Break |
| Monday, March 18th | Semester 3 Begins |
| Saturday, April 1st | NO CLASSES (Easter) |
| April 8th - 12th | NO CLASSES (Ramadan & Eid al-Fitr) |
| Saturday, May 18th | NO CLASSES (Victoria Day) |
| June 16th - 28th | NO CLASSES (Eid al-Adha) |
| June 22nd, 24 - 27th | Semester 3 Assessments |
| Saturday, June 29th | End of Year Party 🎉 🎉 🎉 |

Registration & Admission

All students, returning or new, must be registered by <u>Friday, September 1st, 2023</u>. Those registered after this date will be charged a <u>\$25 late fee</u>. Please register through the <u>Google form link</u>. For the adult sisters' Qur'an class please email <u>isk.school.edu@gmail.com</u> for details on how to register. Class sizes are limited so please register early. Students registered late may not be admitted due to limited class size. All outstanding fees (fees owing from previous school years) must be paid before a student can be registered. Please see the "Payment Options" section of this package for further details.

Tuition

| | | Monthly | <u>y tuition</u> | | | | | |
|---------------|----------------|---------|------------------|----------|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--|
| <u>Option</u> | <u>Islamic</u> | | <u>Qur'an</u> | | <u>Monthly</u> <u>Total</u> | <u>Books</u> | <u>Yearly</u> <u>Total</u> | |
| | <u>Studies</u> | x2 | x4 | Sisters' | | | | |
| 1 | 30 | | | | 30 | 25 | 325 | |
| 2 | | 50 | | | 50 | 10* | 510* | |
| 3 | | | 90 | | 90 | 10* | 910* | |
| 4 | | | | 40 | 40 | 10 | 410 | |
| 5 | 30 | 50 | | | 80 | 35* | 835* | |
| 7 | 30 | | 90 | | 120 | 35* | 1235* | |

2023 - 2024 ISK Evening and Weekend School tuition fees:

*For Al-Qalam & At-Kitaab there will be an additional one time \$10 charge for a Qur'anic workbook for your child

For monthly payments, the first payment must be made by the **first day of classes** on **Saturday, September 9th** <u>for Islamic Studies</u> **OR Monday, September 11th** <u>for Qur'an</u> <u>only students</u>. For following months, the payment must be made by the **1st day of that month**.

Yearly payments must be made by the first day of classes.

Book fees must be paid by the first day of classes. Books will be distributed on the first day of classes, Saturday, September 9th, 2023 for Islamic studies and Monday - Tuesday, September 11th - 12th, 2023 for Qur'an. If the student is unable to pick-up their books at that time, email isk.school.edu@gmail.com to schedule an alternative time slot for pickup. Please note, students may bring their own copy of the Qur'an provided it can be marked in and is approved by their teacher. Copies of the Qur'an may be purchased from the Islamic Society of Kingston, please email isk.school.edu@gmail.com for more details. If books are lost or damaged, students are responsible for purchasing replacements.

Payment Options

The first tuition payment must be made by **the first day of classes (September 9th or September 11th (for Qur'an only students)**. If making monthly payments, subsequent tuition payments must be made by the **1st day of that month**. Options to pay tuition include:

- 1. Online: through the ISK school website
- 2. Cash: in-person by scheduling a time slot with isk.school.edu@gmail.com
- 3. <u>Post-dated cheques:</u> made payable to "The Islamic Society of Kingston" in a sealed envelope with:
 - 1) the name(s) of your child(ren)
 - 2) your name; and
 - 3) your phone number

Please give the envelope to the Education Facilitator.

A receipt will be given to you to acknowledge payment.

Financial Assistance

Tuition fees help cover the costs of operating the school. However, we understand that some may find it difficult to make payments. If you need financial assistance, please fill out the following form: <u>ISK School Financial Assistance Request</u>. If you have any questions or trouble filling out the form, please contact the Education Coordinator at: <u>education@kingstonmuslims.ca</u>

School Events

School Iftar



Hajj Simulation



Year End Celebration







Students' Code of Conduct

- 1. Students must come to class on time & prepared with school supplies, books and completed assignments/activities (if any).
- 2. Electronic devices are not permitted in class unless given permission by the assigned teacher for classwork.
- 3. Students should treat others (teachers, peers) with respect.
- 4. Students should ask and wait for permission before speaking.
- 5. Students should make no disruptive noise or gestures.
- 6. Students should not leave their seats or their classroom without their assigned teacher's permission
- 7. Students must keep hands, feet and objects to themselves.
- 8. Students must follow the directions of their assigned teacher while at class.
- 9. The school expects the cooperation of the parents.
- 10. In case of absence, the student is expected to contact the teacher to follow up on missed subjects/activities and for arranging possible make-ups.
- 11. All students are expected to dress modestly and are encouraged to apply the Islamic dress code. The school dress code is:
 - a. Half/full-sleeved shirts for boys
 - b. Kufis are recommended for boys
 - c. Only full-sleeved shirts only for girls
 - d. No shorts
 - e. Hijab is mandatory for girls and must be worn **<u>before</u>** classes begin
- 12. Running, shouting, or noise will not be tolerated during class time.
- 13. Students will not bully others. There is **ZERO TOLERANCE** for bullying. All reported instances of bullying will be investigated and appropriate action will be taken, which may include expulsion and/or referral for counselling. To report bullying, please speak to the Principal.

Teachers' Code of Conduct

Goals

To be fair & professional To act as a role model for students To be kind, respectful, & encouraging to students To, when required, discipline students without compromising their wellbeing

Physical Contact

Teachers shall NOT:

Subject students to painful body posture

Threaten students with harm

Subject students to, or encourage other students to subject a student to, torture or other cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment, including any cultural practice that dehumanizes or is injurious to the physical and mental well-being of the student.

Psychological Aggression

Teachers shall NOT:

Act in a way that has a negative psychological effect on a student, such as intimidation, insulting, teasing, harassing, threatening, snubing, or discrimination

Use physical or cultural challenges of children to intimidate or ridicule them

Deliberately ignore a student

Send students out of class for absenteeism or lateness

Teachers shall:

Be considerate toward the feelings & circumstances of students

Control their speech so as not to demean students

Intervene to stop a student from bullying others

Intervene to stop a fellow teacher bullying others

Non-Discrimination

Teachers shall NOT:

Discriminate against a student on the grounds of gender, race, age, disability, health status, custom, ethnic origin, background, socio-economic status, or due to a misunderstanding with a parent/guardian.

Favor, or act in ways that suggest they are favoring, a student for any reason other than one based on merit

Disciplining

Teachers will NOT discipline students just to vent anger or embarrass students.

The goal of disciplining students will be to:

Address the root cause of the undesirable activity or behaviour

Remind students of the rules and show them the consequences of their actions

Educate students on why an activity or behaviour is unacceptable and how to act more appropriately in the future

Privacy

Teachers must never discuss or disclose the performance or behaviour of a student to anyone except school staff or the child's parents/guardians.

Conflict Resolution

In case of disagreements or disputes with students or their parents, teachers should refer to the Imam or the Principal.

Projects and Multimedia

Teachers must ensure that all projects and materials used in class conform to generally accepted Islamic guidelines, such as those regarding modesty and music. All material to be shown in class must be planned beforehand.